

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2019  
Minutes

1). Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Perez at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Sel. Arcelaschi, Sel. Bourque, Sel. Groppo, Sel. Perez, Sel. Sedlack. Town Manger, Bob Geiger, the Finance Director, Bruce Stratford.

Absent Excused: Sel. Bouchard and Sel. Bird.

Item 2). Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3). Agenda Review NONE

Item 4). Approval of Minutes

A). Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 3, 2019

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Groppo

To approve the minutes of Regular Meeting on December 3, 2019

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Item 5). Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reviewed all meetings between December 2 through December 15<sup>th</sup>. along with a review of next weeks scheduled meeting. Also included in his report are Long-Term commitments.

Item 6). Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director, Bruce Stratford, reviewed General Fund Revenues and Expenditures through November 30<sup>th</sup>. He noted the Aid Road Funds have not yet been received from the State.

Item 7). Citizens' Comments. State Representative, Jay Case

Item 8). Correspondence. Sel. Perez received correspondence with suggestions about how store fronts along Main Street can be made more attractive.

Item 9). Boards and Commissions NONE

Item 10). New Business

A) 19-074 Litchfield County Dispatch Agreement (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Groppo, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

Move we authorize the Town Manager, Bob Geiger, to enter into agreement with LDC to provide dispatch services from January 1, 2020 through June 20, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$91,335.20

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B) 19-075 Line Item Transfer (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Groppo, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the line-item transfer of \$6,000 from Medical Benefits (148-190-0000-0000) to Outside Services (148-830-0000-0000).

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C) 10-076 Suckerbrook Dam (Mayor Perez)

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

To authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the Selectmen, to draft a letter to the DEEP regarding the Suckerbrook Dam Sediment Recovery Plan Project to appropriate persons and agencies.

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D) 19-077 Resolution 19-11 Supporting the 2020 Census (Mayor Perez)

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bourque

To adopt Resolution 19-11.

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RESOLUTION 19-11

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Board of Selectmen hereby supports the U.S. Census Count 2020.

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States as mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution and will take place in 2020 as it does every 10 years since 1790; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the U. S. Census Bureau, an accurate census count is critically important to our future because it:

- a. Determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives
- b. Defines congressional and state legislative districts, school districts and voting precincts
- c. Determines the annual allocation of \$675 billion dollars in federal funding
- d. Determined that Connecticut received \$10,726,609,427 in FY 2016 in federal funding  
Guided by the 2010 Census and failure to accurately count a person could cost our state \$2,900 per person, per year

- e. Determines Connecticut's funding for Medicaid, SNAP, Highway Planning, Section 8 Housing, Special Education Grants, S-CHIP, Title I Grants, National School Lunch Program, WIC, Head Start, Foster Care, Health Center Programs
- f. Provides insight to government, business and community planning groups for planning purposes
- g. Provides population benchmarks for nearly every other United States survey; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Census Bureau collects information to produce statistics and personal information collected by the Census Bureau cannot be used against respondents by any government agency or court; so

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Winchester educate its citizens and encourage its residents to respond to the Census Bureau count because our future depends on an accurate count.

Item 11. Citizens' Comments John Wiarda

Item 12. Selectmen's Comments and Reports.

The Winsted Area Ambulance Association recognized Amber Jahr as Attendant of the Year for her dedication and hard work.

Item 13. Adjournment

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

To adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack, CCTC, CMC